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GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT BY STATES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by the Union Government to the States for proper management of ground water;

(b) whether some of the States are not implementing these guidelines over a period of time;

(c) if so, the details thereof and names of these States; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resources has circulated a draft Model Bill on `Regulation and Control of the Development and Management of Ground Water` to the States and Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable ground water legislation.

So far, 10 States/Union Territories namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and UTs of Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry have enacted legislation on ground water.

Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has issued direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the States/UTs having Over-exploited and Critical blocks to take necessary measures to promote/adopt artificial recharge to ground water/rain water harvesting, ensure inclusion of Roof top Rain Water Harvesting in building bye-laws and to promote conservation of ground water in these areas through mass awareness, water management training etc.